ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus of the present invention has a storage that stores a data stream in which identification data with identification information for retrieval incorporated therein is multiplexed along with video data and audio data, a plurality of demultiplexing sections that demultiplex the stored data stream to the video data, audio data and identification data, a video data and audio data decoding section that decodes the video data and audio data, each demultiplexed, to reproduce, and a retrieval section that retrieves specific video data and specific audio data based on the demultiplexed identification data, and thus executes the video reproduction and retrieval in parallel.